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SUBJECT: LEGAL TENDER STATUS OF OUTSTANDING US GOLD COINS

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1. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE LEGAL STATUS OF U.S. GOLD COINS THROUGH RECENT DEVALUATIONS. IN A TECHNICAL AND LEGAL SENSE, U.S. GOLD COINS CONTINUE TO BE LEGAL TENDER IN THE UNITED STATES UNTIL CONGRESS EXPRESSLY TERMINATES SUCH STATUS.

2. IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE TREASURY GOLD REGULATIONS LIMIT THE ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF GOLD COINS BY PERSONS IN THE U.S. AS WELL AS BY PERSONS OUTSIDE OF THE U.S. WHO ARE SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION

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OF THE U.S. TO NUMISMATIC PURPOSES, U.S. GOLD COINS MAY NOT AS A GENERAL RULE BE USED FOR PAYMENT OF DEBTS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS IN THE U.S. KISSINGER

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